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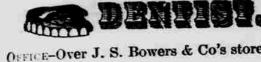
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San Francisco Chronicle.

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He Wouldn't Fetch the Milk.

A dispute having long subsisted in a entleman's family between the maid and the coachman about fetching the milk for breakfast, the gentleman one morning called them together before him, that he might hear what each had to say, and decide accordingly.

The maid pleaded that the coachman was lounging about the kitchen There are many persons perhaps liv- the best part of the morning, yet was ing within the limits of Arcostook so ill-natured that he would not fetch

The coachman said it was none of

Coal Consumption.

BALANCINGS OF THE CLOUDS.

A Beautiful Pen Picture on a Subject that Few People Think of.

IN THEIR PLACES.

Richmond Times.

How the clouds are balanced and kept in their levels so, as beautifully, bountifully, and seasonably to serve us is one of the wonders of creation. If the balancing of the air and the density of the vapors, and the affinity of the water drops were not wisely and nicely adjusted, we should have only oceans covering the earth, and light steam driven away to the heights. But a strange wisdom pervades and governs Nature's hydrostatics, hydrodynamics, and hydraulics; and the vapors and the dews and the frosts and the clouds and the rains and the rivers and the ocean. in divine order and beauty, serve us and bless us and glorify the Almighty. Each, in its office, is a study.

We have sometimes thought that the Book of Job is not in its place in the Holy Scriptures. There is nothing in it to mark its chronology, except that it was along down in time after the world was peopled, and countries and tribes, and birds, and beasts had names, and men were doing a great deal of observing and thinking of things, and the course of things. It looks as if it might be a grand introduction to the great, early history of mankind. It is a great picture of man in the hands of God, an epitome, or solemn prologue to the drama of life. It is a bird's eye view of creation, and lights all the works of the great Creaor with divine light, an praise and magnify Him. The wise man says: He has made everything beautiful in his time; and He hath set the world in man's heart. There is nothing in nature to which some secret chord or sensibility or thought of ours does not respond. He has surrounded us with wise and beautiful things to arouse and feed and stimulate and expand the heart and mind and body. Sermons in stones, books in running brooks, and wisdom and good-

ness in everything. The balancings of the clouds are a beautiful contemplation, and most interesting study. They bespeak live, intelligent, loving control. At different heights, balanced on their levels, at different speeds, travelling in different directions, they make net work or great masses of glory and beauty. In the morning and evening, they overwhelm the soul with tenderness and grandeur, with their delicate tints and gorgeous splendor. They testify to the soul of man its divineness. There is no room for godlessness or vice in this beautiful world. The jungles are the place for strife and mutual devouring. The lessons of these balancings are very familiar. They tell us of the protecting, staying hand of Providence in our affairs. The clouds teach us, in their way, just as the lilies do in theirs. The lilies go on in their gentle, beautiful, fragrant lives, and know no care or resistance, nor effort. The air and light and common ground supply their bappy lives. They fear neither accident nor want. They are taken care of. The clouds are the constant ministers of heaven, moving about to comfort and cheer mankind, and who knows what is their mission, or what they bear? There is no danger of their falling down upon us to oppress or drown or smother us. They are balanced in their places. They drop down their rain and dew in their times and seasons. They are stayed in their work, balanced in their places, and

sent on their way by a controlling powfrighten us like park clouds. But they are balanced in their places; they go on their way, or let down their reight in the time and place most needing them. There are no ruptures or accidents in the dealings of the Almighty with his little ones—the people of His pasture and sheep of His hand. The balancing and staying of events for their appointed time, make us all And every man's life is full of them. Social levels, estates, degrees, and dignities are balanced in their places

to this jewel, which shall never more just as the levels of the clouds are. And the order and beauty and happiness and peace of society is maintain-

The Discovery Saved His Life.

covery in my store I sent for a bottle and began its use and from the first Co.'s Drug Store.

National Recorder.

An industrious trifler, writing in a French review, has been at the pains to ascertain what is the annual consumption of coal on the railways and steam companies of the country, and has worked out a total of 3,782,850 tons. This, he tells us, would make pyramid 516 feet high and 894 feet at the basis, or nearly 70 feet above the opportunity. They read up on abheight of the Great Pyramid. Then ter informed on them than are average he goes on to calculate that if all this coal were loaded in trucks the train would be 1,625 miles, or-as with a nice feeling for the Franco-Russian Ignorance of country folk. They are alliance he puts it-the distance be not ignorant, many of them, but it is tween Paris and St. Petersburg. If rather the other way. On questions this train had to travel at the rate of of sociology, economics and finance eighteen and one-half miles an hour, it would take between three and four people. Many a bronzed and bearded days to pass a given point. The railways of the whole world consume, he asserts, on the faith of statistics which are doubtless fairly accurate, nearly 63,000,000 tons of coal, which would make twenty-five "Great Pyramids," but he does not draw any moral from these figures except that a great deal his favorite newspapers. To minister of carbonic acid is thus precipitated into the atmospere.

The Cow Lived on Thistles.

Minneapolis Jonrnal.

Mr. Tompson, of Haud County, miss ed a cow from his herd and diligent search failed to discover her whereabouts. She was gone ten days when son of Mr. Tompson, in riding atter the herd, passed an old open well, the mouth of which had previously been concealed by Russian thistles. Led by curiosity he dismounted and looked | Health Magazine. in only to discover the lost cow at the bottom hungrily munching the tough be temporarily housebound and pre well had been blown full. They had doubtless served to break the fall when the animal went down. The well was ax feet in diameter and had been abandoned at a depth of fifteen or twenty thus affording sufficient space for a creature of some size. Dirt was thrown in, fresh air deeply through the nostrils by means of which the cow gradually rose to the level of the ground and walked off, apparently not greatly the worse for her long confinement and low diet After all, Russian thistles may have

Gems of Thought.

God's ways seem dark, but soon or late They touch the shining hills of day The evil cannot brook delay, The good can well afford to wait.

-J. G. Whittier. People look at my six days in th week, to see what I mean on the sev

enth.—Cecil. The Holy Spirit can conduct a re vival without your aid, but you can

It is better to believe that a mar does possess good qualities than to assert that he does not .- Chinese Moral Maxim.

Some people are always finding fault with nature for putting thorns on roses; I always thank her for having put roses on thorns.

ter he expects to be paid for it, and he calculates that he will get his wages out of those he tickles.—Spurgeon.

Ill at Ease.

National Temperance Advocate. "Some time ago," says Professor W G. Blackte, "I received a letter from an eminent London brewer, a philanthropist, asking for a subscription to the Reformatory Union. I took the liber-And it is just so in our affairs. ty of asking some pointed questions re-Events and over-hanging possibilities garding the shops belonging to his firm, saying that I humbly thought that by his gln palaces he was helping to tumble into the gutter far more human creatures than all the refuges in the kingdom were picking out of it He replied and said he was not respon sible for the abuse of his wares. H was evidently very ill at ease, and conacknowledge miracles in our lives. cluded his letter in a way that touched me-by asking me to pray for him."

Maine's Big County.

county, Me., who have a faint idea of the milk for her, though he saw she its size, says the Boston Herald. It is had so much to do that she had not a truly a county of magnificent distances | minute to spare. and immense forests. It is nearly as large as the State of Massachusetts, his business. "Very well," said the and larger than some of the kingdoms master, "what do you call your busiof the Old World. Its forests are the ness?" "To take care of the horses, largest in New England, and there are clean and drive the coach." "You say places that have never been visited ex- right," answered the master, "and I do cept by the Indian or hunter. Of the not expect you to do more than I hired All Work Guaranteed First-class. the county is under cultivation.

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THE EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.

Points and Paragraphs of Things Present, Past and Future.

Women will vote the electoral ticket in three States this year-in Wyoming, Colorada and Utah. It will be quite a while before the Southern people, i ever they do, become reconciled to wo man suffrage. This is one of the greatparty in the South.

Mark Twain is to continue the adrentures of "Tom Sawyer". Thousands of boys and men of older years have read with great interest and pleasure the tales about Tom Sawyer and his friend Huckleberry Fin, and they will be glad to have an opportunity o reading these fresh productions by the

interesting Mark.

And now they are going to manufacture silk from wood pulp. This may seem an impossibility, but it has used for whatever purposes silk can be used for. The artificial silk can scarcely be distinguished from the product of the silk-worm and can be sold at

much less cost. It begins to look like men will have to meet women on every field of competition. Twenty years ago, says Munsev, a report showed nineteen standard Nor to the grave, nor hell below. occupations in each of which tens of thousands of men were engaged, but not one woman. Twelve of these occupations have been invaded by the 'weaker sex," and it may soon be the case that sailors and soldiers will hold alone their masculine exclusiveness These are facts which call forth meditation on the changes that old father

Time seems in a hurry to work out. In ten years the total annual consumption of distilled liquors in the United States has fallen from 1.48 to HALIFAX, N. C 1.83 gallons per head. This seems a small thing, but in the aggregate it amounts to a great deal. Putting our nation's population in round numbers at seventy millions, the annual decrease in the use of distilled liquors in the country for the past ten years has been ten and a half million gallons. This shows that the tendency of the American people is towards abolishing the evil. And as a matter of fact, regardless of whom the statement hits or hurts, it is all the while becoming less

and less respectable to be known a

one who drinks.

A most unique contriviance by Chicago man makes the bicycle thieves tell the tale of their pilfering. It is human skull. Blood red glass has been placed in the eye holes and mouth, and it is arranged so as to be suddenly lighted by electricity, the jaws moving and popping the teeth at the same time. It is said that almost every thief who has been brought in the presence of the "death's head" has promptly confessed what he has stolen. Eighty stolen bicycles have been recovered since December and also large SCOTLAND NECK STEAM DYEING Co. quantities of clothing. One man confessed to stealing thirty-five bicycles and told where they could all be found. The Windy City leads thus far in contriviance for extorting confession from criminals.

> Despite all that may be said about the "good time coming" either under a governmental system of free silver or some corrosive substance reduced and free gold, the main fact to be borne in mind by earnest men and women is, leave me." that living in this world is an individual matter. It is true concerning financial affairs as much as it is concerning intellectual and moral matters. No matter what system of government we have the Government itself will take care of only a favored few and the great throbbing mass of humanity Cordial clears the stomach of ferment- taken with La Grippe and tried all the must "root pig, or die," just as they have had to do all the while.

to see better times, if possible, and we stomach-ache, weaknes, flatulence, conbelieve that one of the most effective stipation, loss of appetite, irritability, means of securing it is, for every one to caused by indigestive poisons, cured by watch his own business well while he Shaker Digestive. Cordia. is patriotically helping the world at At druggists, price 10 cents to \$1.00

AN INGENIOUS RIDDLE.

Some years ago, says the New York Weekly, there was a dispute between an old lady and a gentleman about riddles-he contending that they were useless, many of them silly, and that he had never seen one which he had

failed to solve. The old lady took down her Bible and told him that by the next day she would produce a riddle which he could not readily solve. At the appointed est impediments to the Prohibition time she handed him the tollowing

God made Adam out of dust, But thought it best to make me first : So I was made before the man, To answer God's most holy plan.

My body he did make complete.

But without arms or legs or feet, My ways and actions did control, And I was made without a soul. A living thing I then became, And Adam gave to me my name;

Then from his presence I withdrew, And more of Adam never knew. I did my Maker's laws obey, From them I never went astray, Thousands of miles I run, I fear,

But seldom on earth appear. But God in me did something see, And put a living soul in me; A soul of me my God did claim,

And took from me that soul again. But when from me the soul was fled, I was the same as when first made; And without hands or feet or soul, I travel now from pole to pole.

To fallen men I give much light; Thousands of peopse, young and old, Will by my death great light behold. No fear of death doth trouble me, For happiness I cannot see;

They are to me an empty sound.

Answer-A WHALE.

from age or usage.

I labor hard by day and night,

The scriptures I cannot believe: If right or wrong, I cannot conceive, Although therein my name is found,

Household Hints.

Sandpaper will whiten ivory handled knives which have become yellow

with a knife the blade of which has been heated by standing it in boiling If clothespins are boiled a few minutes, and quickly dried, every few

Warm bread and cake should be cut

them more durable. If a tablespoonful of vinegar is added to the water in which tough meats or fowls are boiled it will tend to make

weeks, it will cleanse them and make

wide is sewed tightly on the under side of a rug, close to the edge, it will prevent the edges from curling. A paste made of melted India rub-

ber mixed with shellac varnish is the

If a strip of webbing two inches

best thing to use for fastening leather trimmings on wood.

A Jewel of a Wife. A certain Russian nobleman visiting Paris was noticed to be constantly plunged in deep sadness. He wore on his finger a very remarkable ring, large enough for a bracelet, and which extended over his hand like a buckler for

the ring finger. It was of a greenish color and was traversed by red veins. A lady, meeting him in public, ventured to say : "You wear a very handsome ring."

"It is not a ring," he answered, "but "This jewel," he continued, "is my wife. I had the misfortune to lose her some years since in Russia. She was er. an Italian and dreaded the bed which awaited her after this life. I carried her body to Germany, where I was ac quainted with a celebrated chemist. whom I directed to make of the body a solid substance which I could carry about with me. Eight days after he sent for me and showed me the empty coffin amid a horrid collection of instruments. The jewel was lying on the table. He had through means of compressed that which was my wife in-

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have no revival without Him.

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